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TRANSMITTED VIA EMAIL TO: 62675-1422336@requests.muckrock.com

**Re: FOIA Request of October 26, 2018 for Records Related to Policies
Related to Housing of Previously Incarcerated Persons**

Dear Mr. Ram:

You have requested the following documents from the Detroit Housing Commission (DHC):

1. Currently valid policies/procedures relating to public housing and Section 8 housing assistance eligibility for applicants on the basis of arrest/conviction record
2. Currently valid eviction policies/procedures for tenants in public housing and Section 8 housing units.
3. Currently valid policies/procedures regarding obtaining criminal conviction records from law enforcement agencies and sex offender registration information from the appropriate state/local agency responsible for the maintenance of sex offender registration program
4. Any reports compiling the data of applicants to public housing and Section 8 housing assistance from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017
5. Any reports compiling the data of public housing and Section 8 housing assistance denials and the basis of those denials between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017
6. Any logs of police reports related to activity in public housing and Section 8-subsidized units between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017
7. Any grievances/complaints of discrimination submitted between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017 including any of the following words/phrases:

crime	crimes
criminal	convict
convicted	sex offense
sex offender	jail
prison	correctional facility
probation	parole
conviction record	arrest record

Your request is partially granted and partially denied.

As it relates to Requests 1 and 2, DHC provided copies of these documents applicable to its public housing program in its September 20, 2018 email response to you for the same documents. DHC is attaching a copy of its email response with those documents.

As it relates to Request No. 3, your request for those documents is granted. The documents you requested relating to the public housing program are included in the documents submitted in response to Requests 1 and 2. The documents related to the HCV Program are also attached. The Scope of Services of the current contractor providing criminal history checks for public housing and the HCV Program is also attached.

As it relates to Request No. 4, your request is denied as DHC does not have any such reports.

As it relates to Request No. 5, your request is denied as DHC does not have any such reports.

As it relates to Request No. 6, your request is denied as DHC does not have any such logs.

As it relates to Request No. 7, your request is denied as DHC does not have any such documents.

Please see the attached Certificates of Non-Existence related to the denial of Requests 4-7.

Your request that documents related to this request be provided on a rolling basis as they become available is denied. The Michigan Freedom of Information Act at MCL 15.233(1) permits the subscription to "future issuances of public records that are created, issued, or disseminated on a **regular** basis". The documents you seek are not such documents so your request is denied. If you desire the records in the future, you can submit a subsequent request for them.

You have the right to appeal this denial by doing the following:

- 1) Within ten (10) days of receipt of this denial, you may submit a written appeal to DHC's Executive Director, which specifically states the word "appeal" and states the reason or reasons the denial should be reversed.

OR

- 2) Within one hundred eighty (180) days of receipt of this denial, you may commence an action in the Circuit Court to compel disclosure. Should you prevail, you will be entitled to have reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and disbursements assessed against DHC by the court. If you or DHC prevails in part, the court may, in its discretion, award you all or an appropriate portion of reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements. If the Court determines that DHC has been arbitrary and capricious in its denial, you will be entitled to, in addition to actual damages, punitive damages in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Sincerely,



Hurticene Hardaway
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cc: Armeeca Crawford, Director of Asset Management
Joy Flood, Director of Assisted Housing

DETROIT HOUSING COMMISSION

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CERTIFICATE OF NON-EXISTENCE OF PUBLIC RECORD(S)

Date of Request: October 26, 2018

Requester Name: Sarika Ram, MuckRock News

Subject of Request: Information Related to Housing of Previously Incarcerated Persons

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I certify that the records you have requested in 1- 4 above do not exist.

Armecca Crawford, Director of Asset Management
Printed Name and Title


Signature

Date: November 20, 2018